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## Oregon wheat stocks up 13 percent from a year ago

Stocks of wheat stored in all positions totaled 33.5 million bushels on December 1, 2002. This is 13 percent more than the 29.7 million bushels stored a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 25 million bushels, an increase of 15 percent from last December. On-farm stocks, at 8.5 million bushels, were up six percent from last year and accounted for 25 percent of the total stocks. Barley stocks totaled 2.7 million bushels on December 1, 2002, a decrease of three percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 1.7 million bushels, down 15 percent from a year ago. Oat stocks stored off-farm totaled 521,000 bushels.

## Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington)

Wheat stocks stored in all positions totaled 197.1 million bushels, up eight percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 156.6 million bushels, were up 19 percent from last year. Barley stocks totaled 48.6 million bushels, up one percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 29.1 million bushels, accounted for 60 percent of the total stocks stored.

## United States

All Wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 1.32 billion bushels, down 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 385 million bushels, down 26 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 936 million bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. The indicated September - November 2002 disappearance is 430 million bushels, down 19 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 170 million bushels, down 13 percent from December 1, 2001. On-farm stocks are estimated at 83.4 million bushels, 10 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 86.6 million bushels, are 16 percent below December 2001. Indicated disappearance during the September - November 2002 quarter totaled 54.0 million bushels, up 7 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 104 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2001. Of the total stocks on hand, 52.3 million bushels are stored on farms, 10 percent less than a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 51.3 million bushels, 9 percent below a year earlier. Indicated disappearance during September - November 2002 totaled 8.12 million bushels, up 5.94 million from the same period a year ago.

Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 7.63 billion bushels, down 8 percent from December 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 4.80 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 9 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.83 billion bushels, are down 5 percent from the previous year. The September - November 2002 indicated disappearance is 2.97 billion bushels, compared with 3.14 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Grain Stocks: December 1, 2001, September 1, 2002, & December 1, 2002

Crop/ Quarter	Oregon			Pacific Northwest <sup>1/</sup>			United States		
	On farm	Off-Farm <sup>2/</sup>	Total	On farm	Off-farm <sup>2/</sup>	Total	On farm	Off-farm <sup>2/</sup>	Total
<u>Wheat</u>	1,000 Bushels			1,000 Bushels			1,000 Bushels		
Dec. 1, 2001	8,000	21,702	29,702	51,000	132,006	183,006	517,890	1,105,565	1,623,455
Sept. 1, 2002	9,500	27,292	36,792	66,500	178,213	244,713	580,200	1,170,787	1,750,987
Dec. 1, 2002	8,500	24,955	33,455	40,500	156,646	197,146	384,800	936,199	1,320,999
<u>Barley</u>									
Dec. 1, 2001	800	1,945	2,745	19,800	28,561	48,361	92,400	102,587	194,987
Sept. 1, 2002	1,700	2,291	3,991	29,700	31,843	61,543	131,600	92,419	224,019
Dec. 1, 2002	1,000	1,659	2,659	19,500	29,140	48,640	83,400	86,601	170,001
<u>Oats</u>									
Dec. 1, 2001	*	387	*	*	790	*	58,100	56,117	114,217
Sept. 1, 2002	*	527	*	*	1,007	*	70,500	41,212	111,712
Dec. 1, 2002	*	521	*	*	1,122	*	52,300	51,294	103,594

<sup>1/</sup> Includes Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. \* Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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